

The petition to "soften" the Indiana Telephone Privacy Act is not to be allowed as most "junk calls" are from financial institutions looking to acquire more credit card business which the average American does NOT need. My time at home is PRIVATE and as such I should be guaranteed that privacy from intrusions by telemarketers. The right to "free speech" or unregulated use of the PRIVATE sector's phone system by these institutions are NOT guaranteed by the US nor any state constitution. Consider this analogy: a telephone call is no different than a solicitor at one's doorstep knocking on the door. It is an intrusion of privacy and for those of us who work swing shifts in the power industry, it is cause for loss of sleep as the daylight and early evening hours are notorious for this type of intrusion. Please let the Privacy Act stand as is; since telemarketers cannot regulate themselves, allow the State of Indiana to do so. My privacy and freedom from such intrusions are above the selfish needs of the banking industry.